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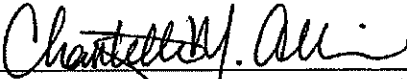
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**RESOLUTION REQUESTING A FISHERY RESOURCE DISASTER DETERMINATION  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S SHRIMP FISHERY**

- WHEREAS,** the commercial shrimp fishery has long been an important economic driver for Pamlico County and its rural coastal communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the global supply of predominantly farm-raised shrimp has reached record highs and has far outstripped global demand; and
- WHEREAS,** US imports of frozen warmwater shrimp nearly doubled from 2013 to 2021 to an unprecedented level of 1.8 billion pounds; and
- WHEREAS,** the influx of imported shrimp in America has resulted in the catastrophic collapse of the domestic shrimp industry; and
- WHEREAS,** imported shrimp now dominates cold storage, distribution hubs, and the American market at a level that voids the margin of the market the domestic harvesters are able to fulfill; and
- WHEREAS,** the consequences of the inundation of imported shrimp into our markets have caused significant revenue loss and loss of access to the shrimp fishery resource itself, for small family owned fishing businesses and other supporting businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** if action is not taken, further economic harm and the potential of a complete collapse for the domestic shrimp fisheries are certain.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners urges North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper to consider submitting a request for a fishery resource disaster determination, for North Carolina's shrimp fishery, to the Secretary of Commerce.

**ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

  
Chantelle Allison, Clerk to the Board

  
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